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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PSU OIL REFINERIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various PSU oil refineries continue to use Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) as an additive to petrol;

(b) if so, whether in other countries like USA, refineries are dis-continuing the use of MTBE as an additive ;

(c) if so, whether the Government have any phased plan to replace MTBE with other ecologically sound additives;

(d) if so, the alternatives being considered by the refineries as additives; and

(e) the details of plans to use eco-friendly additives?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) The following public sector undertaking oil refineries are producing and using Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) as an additive to petrol:

(i) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

(ii) Koyali refinery of IOCL

(b) The discontinuation of use of MTBE in petrol in certain areas in USA is being reviewed

(c) to (e): Government have plans to introduce 5% Ethanol petrol in entire country in two phases. In the first phase, the 5% ethanol blended petrol will be introduced in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamilnadu and Uttar Pradesh. Rest of the States / Union Territories will be taken up in the second phase of the programme.